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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX

1. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED MONDAY THAT ROBERT MOSS IN AN UNDATELINED DISPATCH IN LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH ASSERTED U.S. MAY BE HEADED FOR "CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS OF 1978" WITH SOVIET STRATEGIC MISSILES ALREADY ON ISLAND. "RUSSIANS ARE BUILDING PEN FOR THEIR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES IN CUBAN PORT OF CIENFUEGOS," MOSS SAID. "THERE IS STRONG SUSPICION THAT SOVIET STRATEGIC MISSILES HAVE ALREADY BEEN

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SMUGGLED BACK TO CUBA." MOSS SAID "CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS SO FAR MADE NO ATTEMPT TO WARN OFF RUSSIANS, NOR HAS IT DONE ANYTHING TO ALERT AMERICAN PUBLIC TO WHAT COULD EASILY DEVELOP INTO CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS OF 1978." MOSS, ACCORDING TO UPI, BASED HIS REPORT OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN CUBA ON "SENIOR WESTERN MILITARY OBSERVERS" AND "RECENT AMERICAN AERIAL SURVEILLANCE." MOSS SAID CARTER'S "COLD

WAR" SPEECH MARCH 17 AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY "MUST BE
CONSIDERED IN THIS CONTEXT."

2. KEVIN KLOSE OF WASHINGTON POST, IN MARCH 26 DISPATCH

FROM MOSCOW, SAID "VISITING AMERICANS WHO HAVE SPOKEN
CONFIDENTIALLY WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE GEN-
UINELY CONCERNED THAT SOVIETS DO NOT UNDERSTAND EFFECT
OF PUBLIC OPINION IN U.S. ON WAY CONGRESS AND WHITE
HOUSE RESPOND TO ISSUES." KLOSE QUOTED ONE DIPLOMATIC
SOURCE AS SAYING "SOVIETS SEEM UNABLE TO COMPREHEND
THAT WHEN THEY GO ADVENTURING IN ETHIOPIA WITH MASSIVE
ARMS LIFT, THEY HAVE AN ENORMOUS EFFECT IN CONGRESS."
WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMAT TOLD KLOSE "SOVIETS HAVE SUCCESS-
FULLY COMPARTMENTALIZED DETENTE SO THAT THEY CAN SEEK
ARMS CONTROL AT ONE LEVEL AND PERSECUTE DISSIDENTS AT
ANOTHER AND STILL CALL IT DETENTE." KLOSE SAID "RAP-
PROCHEMENT WITH WEST IN GENERAL AND U.S. IN PARTICULAR IS
PREACHED BY SOVIETS EVEN AS THEY ACT IN WAYS THAT ANGER
AND ALARM CARTER ADMINISTRATION. AT SAME TIME, SOVIETS
FIND NO CONTRADICTION IN ACCUSING CARTER OF SEEKING TO
TORPEDO DETENTE." HE SAID SOVIETS ARE "DEEPLY WORRIED
THAT TECHNOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR U.S. MAY IN FACT BE MOVING
AWAY FROM DESIRE FOR NUCLEAR PARITY AND TENDING TOWARD
RETURN TO POSTWAR YEARS OF NUCLEAR SUPREMACY THAT FIRST
SALT AGREEMENT WAS DESIGNED IN PART TO NEUTRALIZE.

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SOVIETS HAVE MADE THEIR NERVOUSNESS ON THIS ISSUE EVIDENT
IN RECENT WEEKS. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICAN
DIPLOMATS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS HERE ON BUSINESS OR UNOF-
FICIAL VISITS, SENIOR SOVIET BUREAUCRATS REPORTEDLY
EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AT CARTER ADMINISTRATION FEARS
OF CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL EVEN IF NEW SALT ACCORD IS
REACHED."

3. WASHINGTON STAR REPORTED MARCH 25 THAT SOVIET PRESS
ACCUSED CARTER OF SAYING ONE THING AND DOING OPPOSITE IN
SENSITIVE FIELDS OF STRATEGIC ARMS CONTROL AND INTER-
NATIONAL ARMS SALES. COMMENTING ON CARTER MESSAGE
ATTACHED TO ACDA'S ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS, TASS
POINTED OUT WHAT IT SAID WERE SEVERAL INCONSISTENCIES.
WHILE CARTER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SOARING INTERNATIONAL
ARMS SALES, "FACTS SHOW THAT IT IS U.S. THAT IS BIGGEST
ARMS MERCHANT IN WORLD AND THAT EVER GREATER AMOUNTS OF
MOST ADVANCED AMERICAN WEAPONS ARE BEING SENT TO EXPLO-
SIVE AREAS OF WORLD," TASS SAID.

4. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH
FROM STOCKHOLM REPORTING THAT SOVIETS DETONATED AN

UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION YESTERDAY IN SEMIPALATINSK REGION OF WESTERN SIBERIA, SECOND BLAST IN THAT AREA IN WEEK. UPPSALA SEISMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE SPOKESMAN KLAUS MEYER SAID EXPLOSION MEASURED 6.1 ON RICHTER SCALE. SOVIET BLAST MARCH 19 MEASURED 5.2 ON UPPSALA INSTITUTE'S SEISMOGRAPH.

5. CHARLES CORDDRY OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID NEW STUDY BY REP. LES ASPIN SAYS IT WOULD BE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOVIET UNION TO GET AWAY WITH SIGNIFICANT CHEATING ON ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT NOW BEING NEGOTIATED. POSSIBILITY OF CHEATING IS EXPECTED TO BE MAJOR ISSUE WHEN SALT TWO IS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO SENATE, CORDDRY SAID. ASPIN, HE REPORTED, SAID U.S. DETECTION DEVICES

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ARE SO EFFICIENT THAT THEY WOULD SOON SPOT ANY MILITARILY IMPORTANT VIOLATIONS. "HIS CONVICTION ABOUT AMERICAN ABILITY VIRTUALLY TO LOOK DOWN THROATS OF SOVIET MILITARY WAS SET FORTH IN 6,000-WORD STUDY ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION TODAY." ASPIN CONCEDED THAT MINOR VIOLATIONS OF LAND-BASED MISSILE LIMITS WOULD BE HARD TO DETECT, IN CONTRAST WITH EFFORTS TO VIOLATE ALLOWABLE LIMITS ON SUCH HIGHLY VISIBLE WEAPONS AS BOMBERS AND MISSILE-CARRYING SUBMARINES. BUT, ASPIN SAID, "ANY SIZABLE EFFORT TO CHEAT -- CLANDESTINE ADDITION OF SAY, 100 (ICBM'S) WOULD BE DETECTED." CORDDRY SAID ASPIN'S CONCLUSIONS WERE ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THOSE REPORTED TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LAST MONTH BY ACDA. "MR. ASPIN'S STUDY, HOWEVER, WENT INTO MUCH GREATER DETAIL ON 'MULTIPLE, REDUNDANT AND COMPLEMENTARY METHODS U.S. HAS FOR APPRAISING SOVIET'S STRATEGIC WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT,'" CORDDRY ADDED. WHILE ASPIN SAID VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH SALT TWO IS "ASSURED," ASPIN SAID THERE COULD BE "VERY SEVERE PROBLEMS" IN DETECTING EVASIONS OF FUTURE PACT, CORDDRY REPORTED. AS FOR SALT TWO, HOWEVER, ASPIN SAID RUSSIANS "CAN'T CHEAT IN ANY MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT WAY WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT."

6. MIT'S PROGRAM IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN INTER-NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUED STUDY WHICH CONCLUDED THAT DEPLOYING MX MISSILE IN LONG TUNNEL WHERE IT WOULD BE MOVED FROM POINT TO POINT WOULD BE "STRONGLY DETRIMENTAL" TO EFFORT TO CONTROL ARMS RACE. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT STUDY SAID IF LAND-BASED MISSILES MUST BE MADE MOBILE SO THEY WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR USSR TO HIT, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GIVE THEM "UNLIMITED MOBILITY" BY PUTTING THEM ON POWERFUL HELICOPTERS RATHER THAN HIDING THEM IN TRENCHES. STUDY SAID BEST PATH TO FOLLOW WOULD

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BE TO LIMIT "DRASTICALLY" TESTING OF LONG-RANGE MIS-SILES THAT THREATEN TO DESTROY U.S. AND SOVIET LAND-BASED MISSILES, POST REPORTED. 64-PAGE REPORT WAS WRITTEN BY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE MICHAEL B. CALLAHAM, INSTITUTE DIRECTOR BERNARD T. FELD, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR KOSTA M. TSIPIS, AND EVANGELOS HADJIMICHAEL, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY.

7. RICHARD BURT, WRITING IN NEW YORK TIMES, SAID "FOREIGN POLICY 'COUNTERESTABLISHMENT' IS EMERGING IN WASHINGTON, CRITICAL OF WHITE HOUSE'S CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS." LOOSELY KNIT GROUP OF ACADEMICS AND FORMER OFFICIALS HAS BEGUN TO FILL VOID CREATED LAST YEAR WHEN AN EARLIER GROUP OF OUTSIDERS LEFT BROOKINGS INSTITUTION AND CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR CHOICE JOBS IN FOREIGN POLICY IN NEW ADMINISTRATION. NEW OUTSIDERS HAVE SETTLED IN THINK TANKS SUCH AS AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE AND GEORGETOWN CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, "KNOWN FOR THEIR MORE CONSERVATIVE OUTLOOK ON FOREIGN POLICY," BURT SAID. HE SAID ONE OF MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITICS IS EDWARD LUTTWAK, WHO SAYS ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE "FETISH" OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND IS IN PROCESS OF ABANDONING ALLIES OUTSIDE OF WESTERN EUROPE. "ANOTHER EMERGING VOICE IN COUNTERESTABLISHMENT IS MICHAEL LEDEEN, EDITOR OF GEORGETOWN'S NEW WASHINGTON REVIEW OF STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. MR. LEDEEN HAS SOUGHT TO MAKE JOURNAL FORUM FOR DEBATING ADMINISTRATION POLICY, AND HE SEEMS TO BE SUCCEEDING," BURT REPORTED. "WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE IMPACT OF NEW COUNTERESTABLISHMENT, SOME OF ITS MEMBERS THINK THEY WERE FACTOR IN MR. CARTER'S DECISION THIS MONTH TO MAKE COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING AMERICAN DEFENSES WHEN HE SPOKE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY," BURT ADDED.

8. PAUL H. NITZE, WRITING IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
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MONDAY, PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON U.S. NEED TO ASSURE THROUGH ITS OWN PROGRAMS THAT IT HAD NUCLEAR OFFENSIVE POSTURE OF ROUGH EQUALITY AND ABLE TO COUNTER EXPANDING SOVIET PROGRAMS. "TODAY IT IS EVEN CLEAER THAT IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT THROUGH SALT TWO TOWARD ASSURING AGAINST GROWING VULNERABILITY OF OUR ICBM'S, LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR BOMBERS,

OUR SLBM'S IN PORT AND PERHAPS EVEN SOME OF OUR SLBM'S AT SEA, AND CERTAINLY NOT OUR INDUSTRY OR POPULATION, NO MATTER HOW SUCCESSFUL OUR NEGOTIATORS ARE IN RESOLVING STILL DISAGREED ON ISSUES. THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE LITTLE WE CAN DO, SALT OR NO SALT, TO AVOID HAVING SITUATION ARISE DURING NEXT THREE TO EIGHT YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR INFERIORITY TO SOVIET UNION.... I BELIEVE ISSUE IS NOT SO MUCH WHETHER SALT TWO TREATY CAN BE NEGOTIATED AND RATIFIED, BUT RATHER WHAT U.S. SHOULD BE DOING TO CORRECT ADVERSE TRENDS IN OUR STRATEGIC POSTURE." VANCE

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